

WILD CHEERS
FOR TEDDYAs He Entered Convention
and Took His Seat

GIVEN GREAT RECEPTION

Prior to the Opening of the Convention,
Leader Barnes of the Old Guard
Admitted They Had Been
Liked.

Saratoga, N. Y., Sept. 27.—The Republican state convention was called to order at 12:07 this afternoon. Just before the opening Theodore Roosevelt was wildly cheered as he came in and took his seat with the Nassau delegation. He held a reception in his chair. He was smiling and was plainly as confident as ever in his life. Vice President Sherman was given an ovation by the Utica boomers in the gallery.

After calling the convention to order Timothy Woodruff ordered the aisles cleared, and he had to call the police to aid the ushers. At 12:15, Rev. Joseph Carey of Saratoga delivered the opening invocation.

Just before the convention was called to order, William Barnes, leader of the old guard, bitterly admitted their defeat. "They seem to have the votes with them and might makes right, but they will have to take the responsibility," Roosevelt took the platform and though his contents are secret, it is known that the big noise in the platform direct primaries and the denunciation of graft and grafters within the Republican party. It is said that it will pledge the party to retire from public life "all tainted by the suggestion that they have accepted unlawful contributions."

When the convention was called to order, by Timothy Woodruff, it was planned that he present the name of Vice President Sherman in a speech declaring the selection of a temporary chairman to be a crucial act and also saying that President Taft desired the convention to universally endorse his administration. Following him, Lloyd C. Johnson was to propose that Roosevelt be substituted, and that would precipitate a fight. Nearly 10,000 were in the hall when the convention opened and all were eager to hear. A denunciation of Roosevelt by Barnes and an expected hot come-back by Teddy are the program.

Colonel Roosevelt came into Saratoga late yesterday, breathing defiance to his enemies and declaring the victory already won. He was met at the railroad station by the New York county delegation, headed by Mr. Grierson, Representative Parsons and Otto T. Barnard of New York and hundreds of delegates and townspeople. A procession was formed, and headed by a Troy band, it marched to the United States hotel, where the colonel made a brief speech.

"Good luck," he shouted, "I shall not try to make any speeches now. I'll make my speech to-morrow."

Then before the crowd could rush in to him, the colonel dashed to his headquarters, where, with his lieutenants, behind closed doors, he obtained the latest information concerning the situation.

Vice President Sherman came to the village yesterday morning from Utica, and went quietly to his room. Few knew of his arrival, for he came in from Schenectady on a trolley car. Mr. Sherman had nothing to say, and spent most of the day talking with friends in the veranda of the hotel.

The vice president last night addressed a marching club of some 200 members from Utica—old guard delegates and their cohorts.

"Gentlemen," he said, "surface indications point to the fact that about five thousand of you prefer to hear your own voice than to hear mine. I like the sound. There never was a time when I preferred my own voice to others."

"Give him another," interrupted someone in the crowd.

"I shall not assure you that I will speak in the convention, but rather I'll say that I will speak in the convention to-morrow if a majority so will."

"You'll speak all right," came another interruption.

"I always bow to the will of the majority, which is my only boss," said Mr. Sherman.

State Committee Stood Pat.

Saratoga, N. Y., Sept. 27.—By a vote of 22 to 15, the Republican state committee at a special meeting last night, reaffirmed its selection of Vice President Sherman over Theodore Roosevelt as temporary chairman of the state convention. The vote was a result of a letter from Vice President Sherman, read at the meeting of the state committee last night by chairman Woodruff, asking for an investigation by the committee of the charge that his selection for temporary chairman of the state convention was brought about through trickery, and saying that if such charges were substantiated, he would not care to serve.

After a heated argument lasting nearly two hours, in which the leaders of both the old guard and the progressives gave a sharp expression of their convictions, the committee by a vote of 22 to 15, resolved "that Mr. Sherman be informed that his election was made without misrepresentation, as an answer to his letter."

At times, the arguments waxed so hot that to save what appeared to threaten an unfortunate situation, Representative J. Storer Foster moved that he whole matter be laid on the table, but this was voted down. The old guard leaders insisted that it was an attempt to gag them and prevent those members who voted for Vice President Sherman from explaining their votes.

The committee had hardly gone into session, when chairman Woodruff announced that he had a letter from Vice President Sherman, which he desired to read.

HIS AEROPLANE FELL.

Louis G. Erickson Severely Bruised at
Springfield, Mass.

Springfield, Mass., Sept. 27.—Louis G. Erickson, an amateur aviator, who has used many reverses in experimenting with his biplane, is lying at his home in Liberty street, suffering from severe bruising and his machine is almost completely wrecked, as a result of a mishap yesterday afternoon, while attempting to make a flight on the Carew-street grounds.

Since completing his first machine a few months ago, Mr. Erickson, who is about 35 years old, has damaged his machine during every experiment, but always escape injury. His most successful flight was at the Sturbridge fair, several weeks ago. After each experiment he has made alterations in his machine, and when he reached the Carew-street grounds yesterday, he felt confident that his biplane and engine were in perfect condition.

He was attempting to make a sharp turn at a height of about 20 feet, when the machine glided against some trees and fell. Friends rushed to the aid of the aviator and he was assisted to his home.

TWO TORPEDO BOATS
WERE SUNK TODAYFate of the 32 Men on Board Them Is
Not Known in London, Where
News of the Disaster
Was Sent.

London, Sept. 27.—The German torpedo boats 67 and 69 were sunk in the Kiel roadstead to-day, according to dispatches to the Central News. Each vessel carried a crew of sixteen men, whose fate is not known.

TELLS HIS PEOPLE

That He Is to Come to Waterbury Con-
gregational Church.

Cliftondale, Mass., Sept. 27.—The members of the Congregational church have been notified by their pastor, Rev. William L. Belmont, that it is his intention to leave this village as he has accepted a call to become the pastor of the Congregational church of Waterbury, Vt., which was offered him several weeks ago. Mr. Belmont's letter of resignation was read to his people at the church service Sunday and it is his desire that it take effect Nov. 1.

Mr. Belmont came to his Cliftondale parish from Montvale, Nov. 1, 1908. A special meeting of the Cliftondale church has been called for next Friday evening to take action on the resignation.

FITZGERALD SAYS

HE'S NOT IN RACE

Boston's Mayor Issued a Statement
About Report That He Was to
Run for Governor of Mas-
sachusetts.

Boston, Sept. 27.—Mayor John F. Fitzgerald, in a statement issued last night, declares he will not run as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor. The retirement of Mayor Fitzgerald from the field leaves three active contestants for the nomination—James H. Vahey, Charles S. Hamlin and Congressman Eugene N. Foss.

Candidate Hamlin came out last night with a lengthy statement, in which he enumerated the various reforms for which he stood, principal among the list being the repeal of the "unjust taxation" of the Dingley and Payne-Aldrich tariff acts, direct election of United States senators, income tax amendment to the national constitution and conservation of natural resources.

It is understood that Mayor Fitzgerald will support the candidacy of Mr. Foss. Candidate Hamlin came out last night with a lengthy statement, in which he enumerated the various reforms for which he stood, principal among the list being the repeal of the "unjust taxation" of the Dingley and Payne-Aldrich tariff acts, direct election of United States senators, income tax amendment to the national constitution and conservation of natural resources.

BRIDE KILLED HERSELF.

Died Just As Her Husband's Next Pre-
vious Wife Died.

Providence, R. I., Sept. 27.—Following the example of her husband's former wife, Mrs. Fred Ruoff committed suicide at her home here yesterday by inhaling illuminating gas. The woman was 37 years of age and had been married only three weeks.

His first wife was divorced and his second wife committed suicide by the same method about two years ago after despoiling her infant child. Ruoff's father is also said to have ended his life. The woman had been home from her honeymoon only a week.

CONDUCTOR WAS KILLED

When Brushed Off Car by Passing Auto-
mobile.

Beverly, Mass., Sept. 27.—Struck by a passing automobile as he was collecting fares on the running board of an electric car last night, Samuel N. Hollingshead of Weymouth, a Boston and Northern conductor, was hurled to the street with such force that he sustained a fractured skull, from which he died an hour later. The automobile did not stop, and its number is unknown.

NEW COLLEGE CORPORATION SEC.

Clarence C. Little of Brookline Will Succeed
Jerome B. Green.

Cambridge, Mass., Sept. 27.—Clarence C. Little of Brookline has been appointed secretary of the Harvard college corporation, to succeed Jerome B. Green. Little is a graduate of Harvard, '10, and was captain of last year's track team.

\$150,000 WHARF FIRE.

Palmer & Parker Property in West
Charlestown Destroyed.

Boston, Sept. 27.—The Palmer & Parker lumber wharf in Charlestown was burned to-day with a loss of \$150,000. The wharf was situated in the vicinity of the fire.

ROBBER RAIDS
IN TWO PLACESSomersworth, N. H., Postoffice
Looted Last Night

CLAREMONT BANK OPENED

At Former Place Seven Robbers Got
Away with \$400 in Money and
\$10,000 in Stamps—Raid at
Claremont Unsuccessful.

Claremont, N. H., Sept. 27.—A daring robbery of the post office safe at Somersworth was made last night by a gang of burglars, who fled with \$400 in money and \$10,000 in stamps. There were seven men in the gang, and they entered the place by automobile. After breaking into the post office and blowing open the safe, they fled by the same conveyance. Last night also a gang of robbers broke into the Claremont National bank and made an unsuccessful attempt to blow open the safe. The noise of the explosion roused the people in the vicinity, but the robbers fled before the police arrived on the scene.

BETHEL MAN RIDDLED
WITH SMALL SHOTCharge Came from Group of Men Who
Were Walking on Railroad Track
in Bethel Last Sunday
Night.

Bethel, Sept. 27.—Park P. Wight was walking home from George H. Wight's Sunday evening after dark, when one of a group of men walking on the Central Vermont railroad track near O. C. Bradley's spoke to him. He turned half way to return the salutation and received a full charge of bird shot from a gun. He could see nobody clearly and does not think they could see more than his outline.

Though much shocked, he did not lose consciousness, but went into Mr. Bradley's house. Messrs. Bradley and H. G. Barnes carried him two miles in a carriage to Dr. O. D. Greene's office, where most of about 40 shot were removed, one of which was very near an eye, three others in the face, two of three near the regular vein and the rest in his chest, arm and hand.

The men are supposed to have been members of a large force of employees of the railway company living in a car nearby and working on the new highways and underpass at the Fundley bridge crossings. No arrests have been made.

TO AVOID PAYMENT

Of Burlington Police Officer by Pre-
ferring Charges.

Burlington, Sept. 27.—The long-delayed charges of alleged physical incompetency against John Lavigne, a former police officer of the city, have been preferred. Martin S. Vilas, acting, it is understood, in the capacity of a private citizen, yesterday submitted to the police commissioners charges against Lavigne, which, according to the requirements of the city charter, should have been made long ago by the mayor, but which were neglected and which have resulted in a claim being made by Lavigne against the city for services.

It is claimed in the charges made by Mr. Vilas that Lavigne has been unable to perform the services of a police officer since last February, although Lavigne claims that he has been reported for duty several times since that date and has been working at his trade ever since his dismissal from the police force.

A committee, composed of aldermen Barnes, Cowles and Coffey, was appointed to investigate the matter and to call upon Dr. C. H. Beecher, who attended Lavigne, for an opinion as to the latter's condition. In a report submitted to the board, Mr. Vilas in his capacity of city attorney advised that if charges were made at once the city might possibly escape paying the amount of Lavigne's claim. The charter provides that charges in such a case may be made by the mayor, and the board of aldermen have never authorized Mr. Vilas to proceed in the matter, it is assumed that Mr. Vilas brings the charges as an individual, in order to bring the matter to a settlement.

JOHNSON NOT FIRED AT
IN BOSTON THEATERBut a Spectator Dropped a Revolver
Which Went Off—That Is What
Started the Story of At-
tempted Murder.

Boston, Sept. 27.—A rumor that "Jack" Johnson, the heavyweight champion pugilist, had been shot while performing at a local theatre, which spread like wildfire through this city late yesterday afternoon, was found to be untrue.

Charles St. Clair of North Weymouth, who was sitting in a front seat, dropped a revolver he had been carrying and one of the cartridges was discharged. No one was injured.

TWO MASKED ROBBERIES

Stole Several Batches of Registered Mail
Mail Last Night.

New Orleans, Sept. 27.—Two masked robbers invaded the mail car of the Southern Pacific train, leaving New Orleans at 9 o'clock last night, and secured several batches of registered mail. So attempt was made to rob the passengers. The robbery took place at Avondale, twelve miles west of New Orleans.

THEATRE MANAGER GONE.

Various Burlington People Think Their
Money Is, Too.

Burlington, Sept. 27.—Just as a swarm of creditors were about to swoop down upon him with claims ranging in amount from \$3 to \$50 and even higher, alleged to be due them, W. A. Oliver, manager of the Casino theatre on Church street and the Amuse-U theatre on Main street, suddenly disappeared from Burlington Sunday. His present abode is now said to be unknown to the local authorities.

It is claimed that Oliver's hasty retreat from the city was due to the knowledge that his creditors were about to place their claims in legal hands. A proceeding that added to Oliver's determination to leave. It is understood that the attachment by Sheriff Allen of the box office receipts of both places of amusement.

From what could be learned last night the writ of attachment was in favor of a Boston film company, whom Oliver is claimed to have owed about \$200. The attorney for the film company is Russell W. Taft and it is said that it was this move on the part of the Boston company that gave Oliver an inkling of what was to follow.

No sooner had the box office receipts been attached which, it is said amounted to \$20, than Oliver's creditors began to come forth by the score. If reports are correct, the absent manager is in debt to nearly every member of his staff at the Casino theatre, singers, ticket-takers, operators, all are now clamoring for their money. The members of the house staff compared notes yesterday and discovered that their missing manager is in debt to them, according to their claims, to the amount of over \$100. That he does not owe for the rent of the Casino is said to be due to the fact that the man from whom he rented, insisted upon having the back rent paid up in small installments. In this way he secured, according to his statement last night, nearly all the money due for the rent of the building.

The Amuse-U theatre on Main street was dark last night and no information was at hand concerning Oliver's financial operations at this house. It is understood, however, that Oliver had this house on a speculation basis and that no large amount was involved in the transaction.

HIGH FINANCE IN HORSE FLESH

Said to Have Been Practiced by Smooth
Man in Burlington.

Burlington, Sept. 27.—Sheriff Allen is on the trail of a man who is said to have indulged in a little high finance in horse flesh since Sunday, when he led a team at the stable of the O. C. Stacy livery company in this city. The rig was a good one. In fact, it was so good that the fellow, who gave his name as Wheeler, telephoned that he wanted to use the team a little longer.

In the meantime Wheeler was negotiating a clever horse trade with George R. Willey, a Newburyport, Mass., junction. Wheeler told Mr. Willey that his name was O'Neil and he wanted to trade horses.

According to the information received by Sheriff Allen, Mr. Willey did not suspect that anything was wrong from the manner in which Wheeler, alias O'Neil, talked, and a deal was made whereby Mr. Willey traded a horse he had for the one Wheeler was driving and gave Wheeler \$15 besides. Wheeler then drove away with Mr. Willey's horse hitched to the rig owned by the Stacy company, leaving the horse he had hired in Burlington with Mr. Willey.

Wheeler had not been gone many hours when he again returned to Mr. Willey's place and told the latter that he had had some trouble with his (Wheeler's) sister over his trade and wanted to sell the whole outfit to Mr. Willey.

Mr. Willey then bought back the horse he had just traded to Wheeler and the rig belonging to Stacy. Wheeler, after the last deal was consummated, set out toward Burlington on foot.

It is said that on both transactions Mr. Willey is out about \$40. When he got through, he had in his possession the horse and rig belonging to Stacy and the horse belonging to himself that he had traded to Wheeler.

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IN HONOR OF INVENTOR.

Electricians and Historical Society Will
Unveil Tablet to Davenport.

Brandon, Sept. 27.—The ninth annual meeting of the Vermont Electrical association will be held at Brandon, Wednesday and Thursday, and in connection the Vermont section of the National Electric Light association and the Vermont Historical society have planned the observance of Davenport day, to commemorate the invention of the electric motor.

A tablet has been erected in Forestdale in honor of Thomas Davenport, inventor of the electric motor, and it will be unveiled Wednesday afternoon with appropriate exercises. A barbecue will be held at the Cascade house bench, Lake Dunmore, Thursday.

The program follows: Wednesday, 10:30 a. m., executive session of the Vermont Electrical association in the music room of the Brandon hotel; address of welcome by Dr. O. C. Baker; 2:00 p. m., automobiles and other conveyances leave the inn for Forestdale; unveiling of the Davenport tablet; prayer by the Rev. W. G. Davenport; presentation of tablet by A. J. Campbell, president of the Vermont section of the N. E. L. A.; acceptance by ex-Gov. Stickney on behalf of the Vermont Historical society; address by T. Comerford Martin of New York.

In the evening there will be a smoke talk at the inn, at which Gov. W. H. Proctor, Gov.-elect John A. Mead, W. W. Freeman, president of the N. E. L. A., and others will speak informally.

Thursday will occur the barbecue at Lake Dunmore, conveyances leave the inn at nine o'clock; the band will be at the lake and there will be baseball, races and other sports to fill the day.

The Barre choral union will meet for the first rehearsal in the Congregational church, Wednesday, Sept. 28, at 7:30 o'clock; all singers in the city are invited to come and enjoy these rehearsals.

\$3,750 BONDS
ARE GONEA Middlebury Woman Sues
Cassius W. Wicker

HE IS SUMMER RESIDENT

Complainant Says She Turned Over the
Bonds to Wicker to Sell That He
Sold Them and Has Not Turned
the Money Over to Her.

Middlebury, Sept. 27.—On the charge of misappropriating railroad bonds valued at \$3,750, the property of Miss Ada Wicker of New York was arrested by Deputy Sheriff N. G. Sanford at his summer home in North Ferrisburg yesterday afternoon on a capias writ.

Wicker, who is 45 years old and is said to have an office on Wall street, arrived at his sumptuous summer place from New York Sunday night. He showed much surprise when informed by the officer of the charge against him. His daughter voluntarily accompanied him here and the party proceeded to the office of C. L. Button, attorney for Miss Calendar, where the writ was read. Wicker secured as his counsel L. H. LaFleur.

After the hearing in the calendar case Deputy Sanford served a writ of execution on Wicker in favor of Allen Calhoun & Sons of this village for \$151 claimed due for work at Wicker's New York home.

Bail was fixed at \$4,000 and Wicker signed over his interest in life insurance policies aggregating \$20,000 and gave mortgages on his New York and Vermont property. His daughter was a party to the execution of the mortgages. L. C. Russell appeared for Calhoun & Sons.

Wicker has a splendid property in North Ferrisburg, where he has spent his summers for a number of years. He was reputed to be a man of considerable wealth. He has a son who is secretary to an American embassy in Africa. It is said that Miss Calendar turned over the bonds in question to Wicker for sale, that he disposed of them and failed to turn the proceeds over to Miss Calendar.

STEALING RIDE,
MAN LOSES LIFERay Banks, Homeless, Lost Leg and
Was Internally Injured When
Thrown From Truss Rods of
Train.

Newport, Sept. 27.—Ray Banks, aged 38 years, who gave his boyhood home as Hamilton, Ont., but who said he was now without a home, died yesterday, as the result of an accident which occurred here while he was riding on the truss rods of a beef train. He was thrown from his position and run over and when found, his leg was severed at the knee, several gashes were cut in his head and he was injured internally.

The train had rolled him some distance. He was removed to the rooms of Richard Hurst temporarily and died there while preparations were being made to take him to Brightlight hospital in St. Johnsbury. Before his death, Mr. Banks stated that he had no relatives living and mentioned only an acquaintance, Mrs. Nellie F. Pearson of Hamilton, Ont.

HURLED TO STREET.

Burlington Fire Chief and a Fireman
Were Trying a New Horse.

Burlington, Sept. 27.—Chief of the fire department C. A. Niles and George Martelle, a fireman, were involved in a bad runaway early yesterday afternoon on North avenue, while trying out a new horse for the department. The chief was testing the horse as to his ability to get to a fire in a short space of time, when the animal shied at some apparatus used in repairing the street and dashed the wagon into a telegraph pole, throwing both men a distance of nearly 20 feet.

The chief struck on his face and one arm, tearing the skin away from his nose and chin, losing some of his teeth and driving them into his eye. His right arm is sprained. Martelle struck on his forehead, which is badly lacerated. He also was cut on the sides of his head and suffers from a wrench near the base of the brain.

Both men were able to regain their feet and were taken in a hack to the office of Dr. P. E. McSwiney, where their wounds were dressed. The wagon was broken in a number of places and the horse, becoming free, ran as far as Crowley street before it was caught. He was not injured. Both the chief and Martelle will probably be incapacitated for active duty for a few days. The horse was accustomed to the use of blinders and that is probably the reason for his shying.

FUNERAL TO BE AT NORTHFIELD.

Myron Gould Died While on His Way
Home to Denver.

Burlington, Sept. 27.—Word has been received of the sudden death in Chicago on Sunday morning of Myron Gould, brother of Mrs. J. Johnson of North Prospect street. Mr. Gould, who was on his way from his summer home at Muskoka lakes to his home in Denver, died after only a few hours' illness. He is survived by a wife, two children, Ladoga and Joseph, and two sisters, Mrs. J. Johnson of this city and Mrs. George Andrews of Pasadena, Cal. The funeral will be held on Wednesday at Northfield, with burial at Goldsboro, where Mr. Gould was born, and where his father had extensive woolen mills. Mrs. Gould is a sister of Mrs. E. D. Worthen of South Willard street.

The L. A. A. O. H. dance, which was to have been held to-night, has been postponed until a later date.

COURT ADJOURNED
FOR BOYCE FUNERALWashington County Court Officials and
Barre Association Attended This
Forenoon—Burial in Elm-
wood Cemetery.

The funeral services of ex-City Judge William A. Boyce, who died Friday night, were held at 10:30 o'clock this morning from the late home on North Main street. Dr. E. O. Thayer, pastor of the Heddling M. E. church, officiated. The services were largely attended, delegations being present from the Washington County bar association, and from the Odd Fellows and Rebekah lodges, and many old acquaintances and relatives.

To enable the lawyers to attend the funeral, county court, which is in session at Montpelier, took an adjournment yesterday afternoon until this afternoon. The judges present were Judge A. A. Hall, Assistant Judges W. J. Clapp and L. R. Wells.

Beautiful floral tributes decked the casket, among them being net pieces from the bar, the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs, the Methodist Sunday school and the judge's Sunday school class.

The interment was made in the Elmwood cemetery. The regular pall bearers were E. R. Davis and Judge H. W. Scott from the bar, O. E. Philbrick and John Howell from the Odd Fellows, George McFarland and C. S. Andrews. The honorary bearers were Dr. H. O. Worthen, Dr. O. H. Reed, J. M. Perry, D. J. Howe, Loren H. Hooker, T. J. Davis and George W. Wing. Hon. Frank Plimley was to have been an honorary bearer, but he was unable to be present.

Among the friends and relatives present from out of the city were Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Cole of Stark, N. H., Miss Helen Boyce of West Burke, Mrs. P. D. Pike and Mrs. Mary Atwood of Stowe.

SENTENCES AT WOODSVILLE.

Were Imposed Yesterday by Judge
Chamberlin.

Woodsville, N. H., Sept. 27.—Prisoners were brought before Judge Chamberlin of the superior court for arraignment and sentence yesterday on indictments. They were as follows:—

A. B. Doe of Alexandria, larceny, six months in house of correction.

Charles R. Holt of Woodsville, breaking and entering, larceny, not less than 18 months and not over two years' hard labor at state prison.

George Wheeler of Haverhill, larceny, four months in house of correction.

William Merritt of Orford, larceny, three months in house of correction.

William Fisher of Lincoln, selling liquor without a license, six months in jail, \$100 fine and costs.

Fred Duncklee of Bethlehem, larceny, three months in jail, sentence suspended.

Richard Hoffman of Lebanon, keeping disorderly house, three months in house of correction, sentence suspended on payment of costs.

In the suit for damages, Elmer J. Damon against the town of Woodsville, for damages received by removal of a defective highway, a jury brought in a verdict for the plaintiff of \$230 and costs.

FIRE FOLLOWED
OSION.Rollins Block at Somersworth, N. H.,
Damaged Last Night.

Somersworth, N. H., Sept. 27.—A fire late last night in the Rollins block on Fore street did damage which is roughly estimated at about \$8,000. A dry goods store was burned out, the stock of an adjacent shoe store damaged, and the block, which is a two story and a half brick structure, was damaged perhaps \$3,500.

At 10:45 o'clock, assistant marshal Charles Estes passed in front of the block, but everything appeared to be quiet. He had not gone far when he heard an explosion, followed by a crash of glass. He ran back and saw that the entire front of a Syrian dry goods store, run by Abraham Ellis, had been blown out, and the front of the place was a mass of flames. He ran to the Methodist church near by and gave the alarm on the bell. Somersworth has a very good volunteer fire department, and the response was prompt.

Work at the fire was rendered hazardous because of the number of wires which run up Fore street in front of the block. The fire was so hot that many of the wires were melted, and several trunk lines operated by the telephone company out of the city were rendered useless. The burning block was situated in the midst of other buildings which were of an inflammable character, but the department did a most excellent piece of work in keeping the fire in the block where it started.

Ellis, the dry goods merchant, estimates his loss at \$4,000. His stock was completely destroyed. Next door to this dry goods store was the shoe store of Samuel Brams. The stock in this store was badly damaged by water and smoke. The damage here might reach \$1,000. The loss on the block, which is owned by Samuel Rollins of Rollinsford, was damaged to the extent of \$3,500. The cause of the fire is not known. The stories above the damaged store were unoccupied.

IN TROUBLE AGAIN.

Mrs. Howard Christy Leaves Home In
a Taxicab.

Zanesville, Ohio, Sept. 27.—It became known yesterday that Mrs. Howard Christy, wife of the artist, left the Christy home on the Muskingum below here Sunday and returned to New York. No member of the family accompanied her to the station, and she used a taxicab instead of the Christy automobile. Friends of the family say that all hope for anticipated reconciliation has been abandoned.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to all the friends and neighbors who so kindly assisted us in the hour of our bereavement, also for the many beautiful flowers.

Mr. and Mrs. Mortimer and family.

Among the arrivals at the hotel Otis yesterday were M. E. Knox and Mrs. Knox, G. A. Knox, Danbury, Ct.; F. H. Butcher, Worcester, Mass.; L. D. Sims, Boston; F. H. Ketchum, Randolph; E. A. Thompson, Bennington; J. Frade, Albany, N. Y.; H. H. Blanchard, Springfield, Mass.; C. E. Blakeley, Brockton, Mass.; W. H. Pitkin, Boston; R. L. Walton, White River Junction; D. H. Adkins, Burlington; H. G. Fisher, Frankfort, Ind.; George H. Matthews, Lancaster, N. H.; O. E. Haywood, Westfield, Mass.; A. J. Thompson, Buffalo, N. Y.

GOOD ROADS
TOUR IN RAINWater Doesn't Stop Rutland
County Legislators

STARTED THIS FORENOON

There Were 45 Members in the Party,
Including Governor-elect Mead—They
Traveled Away from Rutland
in 11 Automobiles.

Rutland, Sept. 27.—Notwithstanding a pouring rain, the Rutland county legislators-elect went on their good roads inspection trip to-day. The party numbered 45, and they were carried in eleven automobiles. Governor-elect John A. Mead was also a member of the party. The run will be to Glena Falls, N. Y., and back to this city, a distance of a hundred miles.

The route was as follows: To Fair Haven, to Whitehall, N. Y., to Comstock, N. Y., to Sand Hill, N. Y., to Lake George, N. Y., to Glena Falls, where dinner was served. The party will return by way of Adamsville, N. Y., to Hartford, N. Y., to North Granville, to Middle Granville, N. Y., to Poultney, to Hampton, N. Y., to Fair Haven and home. The party will be served with supper at a local hotel on the return this evening. The tour is under the direction of the Rutland improvement league.

GOOD ROADS MEETING.

Washington County Gets In Line and
Plans Tour of Inspection.

A number of men interested in the good roads problem met last evening at the Montpelier board of trade rooms to talk over the matter of taking the senators and representatives from this county on a tour of inspection of the roads hereabouts, to prepare them in measure for the discussions sure to arise in the legislature. Other counties have already had such trips or are planning to and Washington county is ready to get in line.

A committee, composed of Dr. K. L. Cieslewski, Frank E. Lowe, Fred Blanchard of this city, A. S. Martin and W